2020 AREPORT

UTAH OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT







MISSION

The mission of the Utah Office of Outdoor Recreation is to ensure Utahns can live a healthy and active lifestyle through outdoor recreation. The office's Utah Outdoor Recreation Grant (UORG) helps communities make outdoor places more accessible through investment in new outdoor recreation infrastructure projects.





HISTORY

In 2013, Utah became the first state to create an Office of Outdoor Recreation. Since then, the office has become a national leader working to broaden the economic value of Utah's outdoors through collaboration with various business and community partners. The office hosts an annual Outdoor Recreation Summit — the largest conference of its kind — bringing together attendees from various sectors for collaboration and sharing of best practices for outdoor recreation and outdoor-focused businesses.

In 2015, the office helped communities to build trails and other recreation infrastructure by awarding matching grants through a pilot program. Funding for the program increased the following year. Its success led to the Utah Legislature, creating a longer-term funding source to continue the grant program, now called the Utah Outdoor Recreation Grant.

YEAR FUNDING AWARDED **PROJECT VALUE** SUBMITTED 2015 \$405,479 53 15 \$1.8 MILLION \$796,396 15 \$5.2 MILLION 2016 53 2017 \$453,112 28 14 \$2.8 MILLION 56 2018 \$4,218,041 84 \$33.1 MILLION 2019 \$4,375,209 66 55 \$35.6 MILLION 59 2020 97 \$6,031,396 \$42.9 MILLION TOTAL \$16,279,633 351 214 \$121.4 MILLION

LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

I remember as a kid, seeing "Back to the Future" for the first time. That movie made me think about how one little action affects the future. I remember thinking everything I said or did could completely change the direction of my life.

I now realize how seemingly small improvements to outdoor recreation infrastructure transform daily life and the future of Utah. Building a few miles of trail close to a city or town can have an incredible effect on the local economy, business development, property values, and overall health and wellness.

With over 35 million acres of public land, over 20,000 miles of trails, and 550 access points across the state, it's easy to see why so many people are attracted to our state. Utah is home to five national parks, 44 state parks and eight national monuments. Statewide, more than 85% of Utahns are within 15 minutes of a trailhead, with almost 90% recognizing the personal benefit they receive from this access. Spending as few as 20 minutes on a trail leads to measurable improvements in mental health. Communities with nearby trail infrastructure experience significant physical health benefits too, saving \$3 in medical costs for every \$1 invested in this infrastructure.

Easy access to Utah's public lands and recreational opportunities is essential to growing the state's economy. Not only does the proximity to trails increase property value and strengthen local economies, but it also gives employers a strong national recruitment advantage.

For the past decade, Utah has been one of the fastest-growing U.S. states. We're known for our diverse economy, our low unemployment rate and high job creation. Utah-based businesses claim that access to the outdoors and the state's outdoorsy lifestyle is a primary reason they chose to be in Utah.

Many outdoor industry businesses are proud to call Utah home and contribute directly to its economy. From manufacturers to retailers, and from guides to outfitters and beyond, 110,000 Utah jobs come directly from outdoor recreation, totaling \$4 billion in wages and salaries, and driving over \$12 billion in direct consumer spending. Outdoor recreation helps grow and improve rural and gateway communities' economies, creating critical business opportunities in smaller Utah communities.

As the first state to create an Office of Outdoor Recreation, Utah is a trailblazer. It was the first state to create an Office of Outdoor Recreation. Through the Utah Outdoor Recreation Grant program, the state demonstrates that investing in outdoor recreation infrastructure has lasting effects on the health and strength of its residents, businesses and the economy. Since the grant's 2015 inception, a total of \$16 million in Utah Outdoor Recreation Grant funding has been awarded to 213 projects in 25 Utah counties. Rural counties benefited from 60% of grant projects. Those 200-plus projects have a total project value of over \$121 million, representing a rare jewel for Utah compared to other states. The six-year grant initiative proves Utah is committed to enhancing the quality of life for residents and improving access to the state's remarkable outdoors for residents and visitors alike.

This is Utah, where we live Life Elevated and foster a unique culture of volunteerism, collaboration and service. We hope you'll join us in Utah.

Sincerely,

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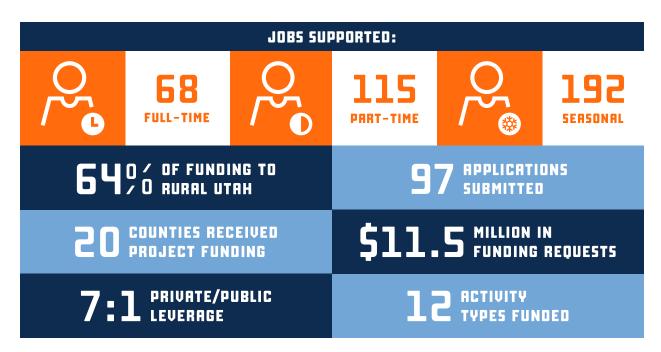
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59 PROJECTS IN 2020





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2015-2020 FUNDING STATS ACTIVITIES FUNDED





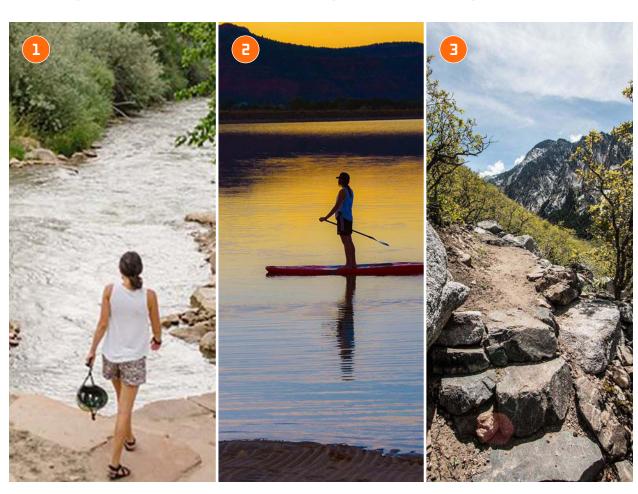




MULTIYEAR FUNDED PROJECTS

The Utah Office of Outdoor Recreation supports the development of significant infrastructure projects in phases over multiple years. While many of the projects are completed in a single year, grant recipients have utilized the Utah Outdoor Recreation Grant to help fund large-scale recreational infrastructure improvements that take several years.

Multiyear projects demonstrate the state's commitment to long-term plans that improve access to and recreation around a single site. We hope these examples inspire future grant applicants to think big.



1. HELPER RIVER

- Helper River Revitalization Phase III (2017) Helper City
- · Helper River Revitalization Phase IV (2018) Helper City
- Helper River Revitalization Phase V (2019) Helper City
- · Helper River Revitalization Phase VI (2020) Helper City

The Helper River Revitalization project will enter its 6th phase in 2020. From the start, this project sought to bring together Helper residents, business owners, land managers and government officials. The results have been inspiring. In the four years the Utah Office of Outdoor Recreation has supported this project, the revitalization has removed obstacles in the river, retained high-risk banks and installed recreational amenities.

Residents and visitors alike use the river for recreation again as Helper continues to build its reputation as a tourist destination.

2. JACKSON FLAT RESERVOIR

- Jackson Flat Reservoir Recreation Facility and Trails (2016)
- Jackson Flat Reservoir Recreation Infrastructure and Trails (2017)
- Kanab City Connector Trail to Jackson Flat (2018)
- Jackson Flat Reservoir Beach Park (2019)
- Jackson Flat Reservoir Beach Park Climbing Boulders (2020)

After the Jackson Flat Reservoir's completion, there was a need to develop the site for recreation. Over the past five years, the Utah Office of Outdoor Recreation has helped support five separate projects centered around improving infrastructure.

The Jackson Flat Reservoir project provides many benefits to residents of Kane County and visitors alike. This multiyear project includes installing picnic areas, bathrooms, boat launches, bike trails and other amenities.

3. ALPENBOCK LOOP AND GRIT MILL TRAIL SYSTEMS

- Grit Mill Climbing Master Plan Project (2015)
- · Little Cottonwood Canyon Hiking and Climbing Trail Access (Grit Mill Phase II) (2016)
- Gate Buttress Recreation Infrastructure Project Phase I (2017)
- Gate Buttress Recreation Infrastructure Project Phase II (2019)
- Jacob's Ladder Trail Reroute to Lone Peak Cirque (2020)

Despite being a historic and premier climbing venue, Little Cottonwood Canyon's climbing areas lacked infrastructure and were in need of large-scale support. The Utah Office of Outdoor Recreation has supported Salt Lake Climbers Alliance's incredible work in building strong infrastructure in this area, sustaining its recreational opportunities for future generations.

This work centered around developing the Alpenbock Loop and Grit Mill trail systems that initially connected climbers to these famous routes ascended by the Alpenbock Club in the 1950s and 1960s.



2020 GRANT PROJECTS

The Utah Outdoor Recreation Grant (UORG) matches up to \$150,000 for new outdoor recreation infrastructure projects. Along with helping communities build recreation amenities, matching requirements allow for regional partnerships.

PROJECT NAME	ORGANIZATION	FUNDING	Cost	COUNTY	PRIMARY ACTIVITY
9,000' Trail-Mid Mountain Connector	Mountain Trails Foundation	\$29,370	\$58,740	Summit	Multi-Use Trail
Bear Lake Pedestrian Pathway	Bear Lake Regional Commission	\$65,000	\$585,895	Rich	Multi-Use Trail
Bingham Creek Regional Park - Phase I	SL County Parks & Rec.	\$150,000	\$916,243	Salt Lake	Mountain Biking/BMX
Bonanza Flat Conservation Area - Lackawaxen / BCC Trail Ext.	Utah Open Lands	\$27,178	\$54,086	Wasatch	Hiking/Trail Running/Nature Walk
Bonneville Shoreline Trail	Traverse Mountain Trails Association	\$75,000	\$150,000	Utah	Multi-Use Trail
Bonneville Shoreline Trail Davis County South Project	Davis County	\$150,000	\$772,789	Davis	Hiking/Trail Running/Nature Walk
Brian Head Town Paved Town Trail - Phase II	Brian Head Town	\$150,000	\$458,658	Iron	Hiking/Trail Running/Nature Walk
Circleville ATV Trail Restroom, Pavilion and Kiosk	Piute School District	\$50,000	\$104,500	Piute	OHV Recreation
Coral Pink Sand Dunes State Park Staging Area	Kane County	\$5,000	\$23,650	Kane	OHV Recreation
Dalton Wells Camping Area	Grand County- Moab Area Travel Council	\$100,000	\$451,000	Grand	Camping
Discovery Trail Network Creation and Connection	Snyderville Basin Special Recreation District	\$65,466	\$173,291	Summit	Multi-Use Trail
Dry Creek Lake Recreation Area	Lehi City	\$150,000	\$15,042,000	Utah	Swimming/Snorkeling
Ephraim Canyon Trails Project	City of Ephraim	\$70,000	\$149,583	Sanpete	Hiking/Trail Running/Nature Walk
Expanding Access & Outdoor Programs in Professor Valley	Canyonlands Field Institute	\$84,000	\$221,396	Grand	Camping
Fairgrounds Adventure Play Area	Ferron City	\$80,000	\$160,466	Emery	Child-Oriented/ Nature Play
Heber Bouldering Structure	Mountainlands Community Housing Trust	\$26,000	\$346,962	Wasatch	Climbing/Bouldering
Indian Creek Climbing Conservation Initiative 2020-2022	Access Fund	\$75,000	\$220,000	San Juan	Climbing/Bouldering
Iron Hills Trail System Elevate Extension and Descent	Dixie Mountain Bike Trails Association	\$123,400	\$274,400	Iron	Mountain Biking/BMX
Jackson Flat Reservoir Beach Park Climbing Boulders	Kane County Water Conservancy District	\$150,000	\$319,140	Kane	Climbing/Bouldering
Juniper Jumps Skills Park	Southern Utah University IIC	\$50,000	\$101,239	Iron	Mountain Biking/BMX
Klondike Bluffs Campground	Grand County Econ. Dev.	\$150,000	\$469,750	Grand	Camping
Lake Mountains Recreation Area - Phase I	Eagle Mountain City	\$24,050	\$48,070	Utah	Mountain Biking/BMX
Logan River Blue Trail	City of Logan	\$148,400	\$322,400	Cache	Kayaking/Canoeing
Pahvant Mtn. Bike Trail System - Phase II	Richfield City Trails Cmte.	\$100,000	\$225,000	Sevier	Mountain Biking/BMX
Parley's Pointe Section of Bonneville Shoreline Trail	Trails Utah	\$65,000	\$130,000	Salt Lake	Hiking/Trail Running/Nature Walk
Payson Canyon Trailhead	Payson City Recreation	\$150,000	\$310,407	Utah	Mountain Biking/BMX
Power Plant Trailhead Park	La Verkin City	\$27,000	\$58,625	Washington	Hiking/Trail Running/Nature Walk
Rattlesnake Gulch Reroute	Trails Utah	\$30,000	\$85,000	Salt Lake	Hiking/Trail Running/Nature Walk
River Enhancement - Phase I JWP Museum/Main St. Focus Area	City of Green River	\$150,000	\$606,960	Emery	Kayaking/Canoeing
Saratoga Springs Harbor	City of Saratoga Springs	\$150,000	\$2,089,219	Utah	Swimming/Snorkeling
Saul's Meadow Campground	Sevier County	\$95,000	\$238,858	Sevier	Camping

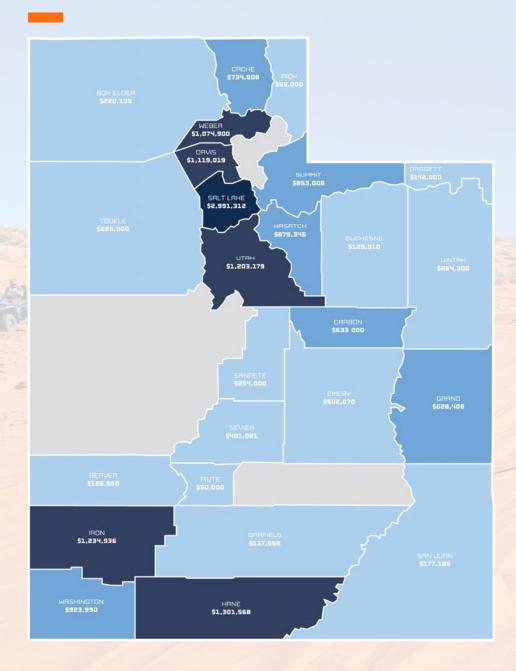
These partnerships bring together nonprofits, land managers, businesses and community volunteers to improve outdoor recreation. They inspire community-wide commitment to the construction, use and maintenance of the new recreational assets.

PROJECT NAME	ORGANIZATION	FUNDING	Cost	COUNTY	PRIMARY ACTIVITY			
The Farm Mountain Bike Park	Farmington City	\$125,000	\$250,000	Davis	Mountain Biking/BMX			
Tom's Canyon	Kane County Government	\$10,000	\$20,000	Kane	Mountain Biking/BMX			
Veber River Habitat Restoration and Trail Project - Phase I	Trails Fndn. of Northern Utah	\$150,000	\$376,119	Weber	Fishing			
Vinchester Park Boulder Playground	Murray City Corporation	\$50,000	\$100,000	Salt Lake	Climbing/Bouldering			
Wn. Co. Confluence Park Pedestrian Bridge La Verkin to Hurricane	Washington County HCP & Red Cliffs Desert Reserve	\$150,000	\$506,076	Washington	Hiking/Trail Running/Nature Wa			
Regional Asset Tier Recipients	New for 2020, the Regional Asset Tier category supports new infrastructure projects with a total cost of at least \$2 million. Applicants can apply to receive funding up to \$500,000.							
Creating a Base Camp for Cedar Breaks Recreation Experiences	Zion National Park Forever	\$500,000	\$6,865,093	Iron	Hiking/Trail Running/Nature Wa			
lelper River Revitalization - Phase VI	Helper City	\$250,000	\$2,318,505	Carbon	Other Water Recreation			
ordan River Water Trail	SL County Parks & Rec.	\$250,000	\$2,128,700	Salt Lake	Kayaking/Canoeing			
fillcreek City Center Ice Ribbon	City of Millcreek	\$500,000	\$2,245,000	Salt Lake	Other Winter Recreation			
Recreation Restoration Infrastructure Grant (RRI) Recipients	As visitation on public lands continues to increase, budgets have not kept pace. The new RRI grant program addresses the impact of this disparity by funding projects to restore high-priority trails and repair or replace other types of developed recreation infrastructure. Efforts will aid deferred maintenance and reduce the backlog of infrastructure projects on public lands.							
DA Yurts 2020	Bear River Outdoor Recreation Alliance	\$28,970	\$60,340	Summit	Campground			
lpine Creek Loop Restoration	Brian Head Town	\$37,500	\$75,000	Iron	Trail / Trailhead infrastructure			
rystal Lake Trailhead Reconstruction and Expansion	Summit County Government	\$115,000	\$281,000	Summit	Trail / Trailhead infrastructure			
arr West Mountain View Pathway Restoration	Farr West City	\$37,500	\$75,000	Weber	Trail / Trailhead infrastructure			
laming Gorge-Little Hole National Recreation Trail Restoration	Flaming Gorge Cmte. Fndn.	\$142,000	\$296,495	Daggett	Trail / Trailhead infrastructure			
ates Lake Trailhead Improvement Project	Paiute Trail Committee	\$12,000	\$29,850	Sevier	Trail / Trailhead infrastructure			
Glen Canyon National Rec. Area - Defiance House Trail Rehab	Conservation Legacy	\$42,750	\$95,822	San Juan	Trail / Trailhead infrastructure			
acob's Ladder Trail Reroute to Lone Peak Cirque, Salt Lake City	Salt Lake Climbers Alliance	\$45,000	\$167,192	Salt Lake	Trail / Trailhead infrastructure			
ordan River Trail, Trail Restoration Projects	SL County Parks & Rec.	\$150,000	\$350,000	Salt Lake	Trail / Trailhead infrastructure			
akeshore and Tasha Creek Trail Restoration Project	American Conservation Experience	\$49,020	\$107,332	Sevier	Trail / Trailhead infrastructure			
ogan Canyon River Trail Improvements	Stokes Nature Center	\$12,213	\$26,426	Cache	Trail / Trailhead infrastructure			
deconstruction of Spruces Campground	Kane County	\$140,457	\$281,358	Kane	Campground			
Red Canyon Bike Trail Restoration Project	Garfield County Econ. Dev.	\$82,500	\$166,500	Garfield	Trail / Trailhead infrastructure			
Reviving Rock Cliff Outdoor Recreation Area at Jordanelle	Wasatch Mountain Institute	\$150,000	\$300,000	Wasatch	Trail / Trailhead infrastructure			
San Rafael Equestrian Campground and Trail Head	San Rafael Back Country Horsemen	\$4,500	\$19,460	Emery	Trail / Trailhead infrastructure			
UU's Sheepherder's Group Campsite & Outdoor Classroom	Southern Utah University IIC	\$38,136	\$76,891	Iron	Trail / Trailhead infrastructure			
impanogos Cave NM, Canyon View Picnic Site Restoration	Friends of Timpanogos Cave	\$30,000	\$89,405	Utah	Day-Use / Picnic area			
linta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest Trail Restoration	USU Utah Conservation Corps.	\$140,000	\$400,000	Summit	Trail / Trailhead infrastructure			
Vasatch Plateau Non-Motorized Trail Restoration	San Rafael Back Country Horsemen	\$24,000	\$87,348	Emery	Trail / Trailhead infrastructure			
TOTALS	50 ORGANIZATIONS	\$6,031,396	\$42,963,248	20 COUNTIES	59 PROJECTS			

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FUNDING BY COUNTY 2015-2020



TOTAL COMPLETED PROJECTS

The Utah Office of Outdoor Recreation supports recreation throughout Utah. From the largest cities to gateway communities and rural counties, supporting recreation provides a vital boost to economies, promotes physical and mental health, and attracts tourism.

BEAUER

- Challenge Course at Minersville Reservoir (Formerly Trim Trail) (2016)
- Beaver City Wayfinding and Kiosks (2017)
- Tushar Campground Picnic Tables (2018)
- Beaver Bench Mountain Bike Trail
 Phase II (2019)

BOX ELDER

 Mantua Reservoir Boat Dock Replacement (2019)

CACHE

- Boulevard Trail Extension Project (2015)
- Bjorr Trail (2016)
- Logan River Trail Rendezvous Park (2016)
- 300 East Paved Multi-Use Pathway (2018)
- Bridger Bike Park (2018)
- Trailhead Avalanche Safety Project (2018)
- Heritage Park XC Ski Center (2018)

CARBON

- Helper River Revitalization
- Phase III (2016)
- Helper River Revitalization
- Phase IV (2018)
- Helper River Revitalization
- Phase V (2019)
- Wellington Pond Walkway (2018)

DAVIS

- Jordan River Boat Takeout (2015)
- Great Salt Lake Nature Center Wayfinding Signs (2017)
- Pioneer Park Adventure Play Area (2017)
- Fruit Heights East Bench Multi-Use Trail (2018)
- Jordan River Trail Extension (2018)

DUCHESNE

 Starvation Reservoir ADA Fishing Pier (2018)

EMERY

- Athena/Crystal Geyser Trail/Tusher Mesa Trail (2015)
- Joe's Valley Climbing Sustainability Initiative (2016)
- Welcome Center Climbing Wall (2016)
- Lower San Rafael Road Wayfinding Signs (2017)
- John Wesley Powell River Museum Trail (2018)
- Disk Golf Course (2019)

GARFIELD

- Hole in the Rock Campground (2018)
- Red Canyon Bike Trail Restoration Project (2020)

GRAND

- Moab Boulder Park (2015)
- Courthouse Rock Campground Corrals (2017)

IRON

- Old Spanish Trail Historic Trail Sign Plan Implementation (2015)
- Brian Head Town Trail Paving
 Phase I (2016)
- Iron Hills Trail System (2018)
- Thunderbird Gardens Disc Golf Course (2018)

KANE

- Jackson Flat Reservoir Recreation Facility and Trails (2016)
- Jackson Flat Reservoir Recreation Infrastructure and Trails (2017)
- Kanab City Connector Trail to Jackson Flat (2018)
- Kanab Community Trails Greenhalgh Trail Construction Project
- Phase II (2018)

SALT LAKE

- Ensign Peak Visitor Trail Reconstruction (2015)
- Grit Mill Climbing Master Plan Project (2015)
- Mill Creek Trail, Fitts Park Bridge (2016)
- Little Cottonwood Canyon Hiking & Climbing Trail Access (Grit Mill
 Phase II) (2016)
- Sandy Canal Trail Phases II, III, and IV (2016)
- Gate Buttress Recreation
 Infrastructure Project Phase I (2017)
- Utah & Salt Lake Canal Trail
- Phase III (2018)
- Gate Buttress Recreation Infrastructure Project - Phase II (2019)

SAN JUAN

- Canyon Country Discovery Center Nature Playscape (2015)
- Abajo Foothills Trail System (formerly Monticello Trails Project) (2016)

SANPETE

 Arapeen OHV Trail/Lake Hill Upgrades (2015)

SEVIER

- UM Creek Access Management Project (formerly Paiute Trail) (2016)
- Fish Lake Kokanee Viewing Walkway (2018)
- Fish Lake Marinas Renovation (2018)

SUMMIT

- East Canyon Creek Trailhead Project (2015)
- Utah Olympic Park Trails Project (2015)
- Adaptive Challenge Course (2016)
- Oakley Campground and Corridor Trails Project (2018)

TODELE

• SR138 Underpass (2018)

UINTAH

- Old Fort Ponds Community Fishery (2018)
- Steinaker 3D Archery Range (2019)

UTAH

- The Ranches Mountain Bike Park Improvement (2015)
- Highland Glen Bike Track (2015)
- Orem City Bike Skills Trail Park (2017)
- Saratoga Springs Mountain Bike Park (2018)
- Spanish Fork Mountain Bike Trail (2018)
- Provo River Trail Renovation Project (2019)

WASATCH

- Bonanza Flat Conservation Area Trail and Trailhead (2018)
- Pine Canyon Bike Park (2018)
- Homestead and Center Street Trails (2018)

WASHINGTON

- Washington City Cottonwood Wash Trail (2016)
- Comanche Nature Park Interpretive Panels (2018)
- Enterprise Regional Park (2018)
- Pine Valley Recreational Enhancement Project (2018)
- Virgin River North Trail Gap Fossil Falls to Millcreek Power St (2019)
- La Verkin Creek Crossing (2019)

WEBER

- BDO Connector Trail (2015)
- Nature Playscape at Ogden Nature Center (2018)
- Ogden Nordic Fat Bike Initiative (2018)
- Wolf Creek Drive Pathway (2018)





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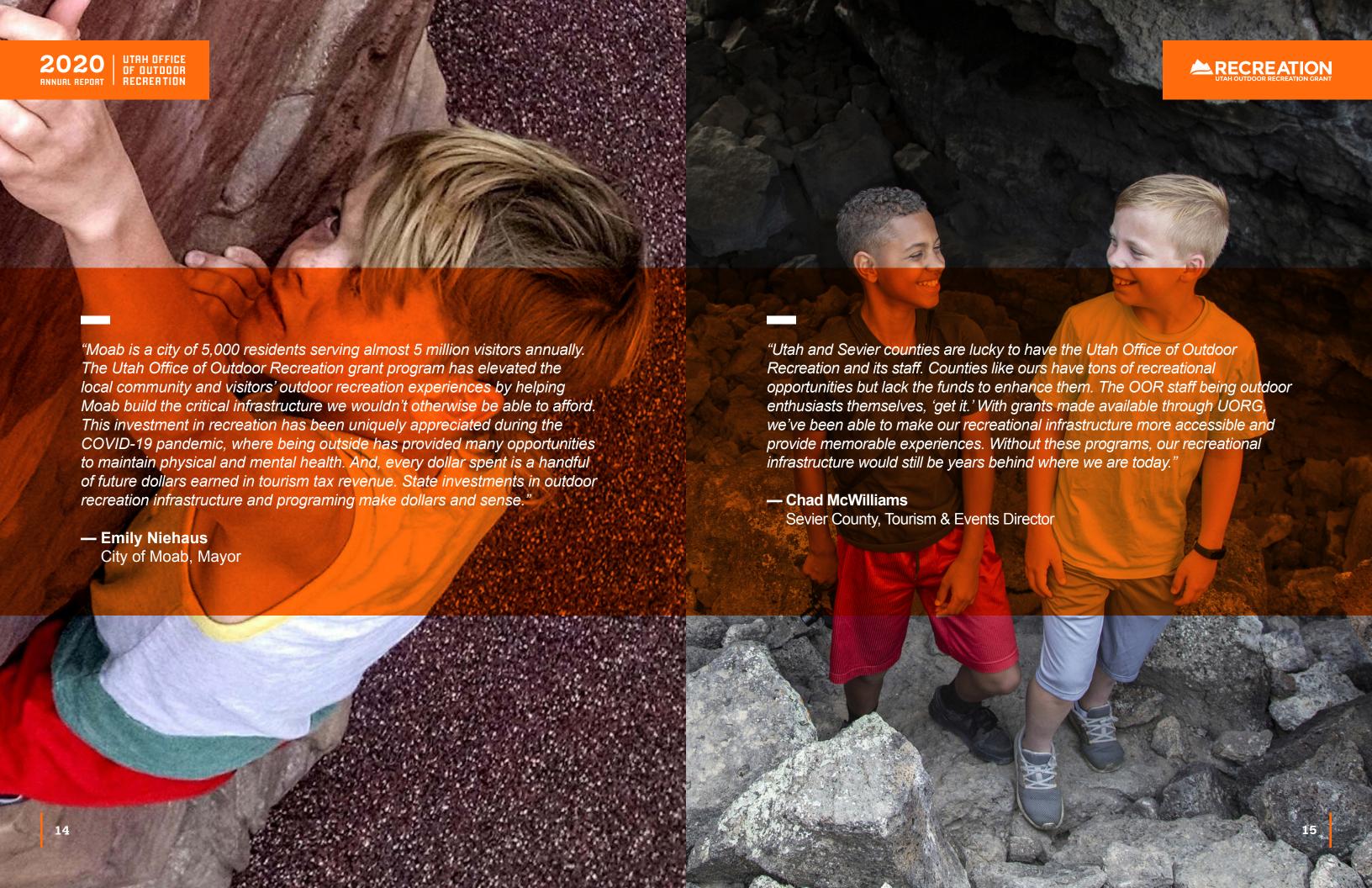
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